

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are now pending in the application. Minor amendments have been made to the abstract and claims to simply overcome the objections to the specification and rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The amendments to the claims contained herein are intended to broaden the scope thereof and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objection and rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

SPECIFICATION

The abstract stands objected to for certain informalities. Applicants have amended the abstract and Applicants respectfully assert that the abstract is in full compliance with the proper language and format as stated by the Office Action.. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 has been amended in order to remove the phrase identified by the Examiner as vague and failing to provide a definitive value for n. Since this phrase has been removed from the claims, Applicants respectfully assert that this rejection has been overcome.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 (JP 2002-284862)

Claims 1-2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by JP 2002-284862. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

This rejection indicates that Applicant's translation of the foreign priority document can overcome this rejection. Applicants have submitted herewith Applicants' translation of the foreign priority document along with a declaration of accuracy. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are patentable over this rejection.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 (JP 06-106801)

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP06-106801. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Formula (1) of claim 1 is clearly distinguishable from the formula II of JP06-106801. The chemical structure of formula (1) can include "Ar" which "represents an arylene group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms involved in conjugation or a heterocyclic compound group having 4 to 60 carbon atoms involved in conjugation" as recited in Claim 1.

In contrast, formula (II) of JP 06-106801 simply includes two "R" units. The two "R" units are defined as H, a halogen, or a C₁ to C₅ low-grade alkyl group in light of claim 2, formula 4 and formula 5 at page 2, the description at page 2, column [0012], Examples and Abstract. Thus, the applicant does believe that the invention is patentable over JP 06-106801.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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